

Winnisquam Watershed Network
BOD meeting
May 1, 2023

Attendees: Lisa Eggleston, Bob Day, Kath Keen, Chuck Mitchell, Tom Camp, Ed Stephenson, Dean Anson, Jim Chapman, Dick Tracy, Marion Longo, Bobby Lambert, Judy Hughes and Cindy O'Connell.

Lisa opened meeting at 5:30PM.

March Minutes approved

Tom will provide list of donations of \$100+, which Jim & BOD will send person thank you cards to.

Bobby Lambert of Sanbornton introduced and provided information about himself and why he would look to join the WWN board. Board introduced themselves to Bobby. Bob Day motion to approve Bobby's appointment to the Board, seconded by Tom Camp, all in favor.

Treasurer's report: Ed reports that we currently have \$107,516.17 in checking plus \$500.00 in savings.

Lisa sent draft of newsletter that she would like board to review and respond back to her with their thoughts. Dean will send info about Belknap Mill. Lisa mentioned Dox Restaurant a new family owned restaurant on the Lake across from Flightcraft Marina. Dean and Lisa discussed reviewing the letter and updating the section on the lake host. Bobby mentioned adding information about the summer boat parade. Lisa encouraged more of that type of information, suggested we send it closer to the date. Lisa will also provide information about Cyanobacteria sightings.

Lake Host. Discussion took place on the pay for Lake Host. Dean believes we spent \$15,300 on Lake Host last year. Lisa pointed out that NH Lakes does the payroll for WWN lake host, all total to include taxes WWN paid \$17,518.00 of which \$3,588 was paid by NH Lakes. 2 week-pay periods, starts around Memorial Day. Dean pointed out the fine work that the WWN Lake Host Deb and Barb do as well as their commitment to WWN and the program. Dean suggested that we give them a pay raise of .50 cents an hour and that we budget for 1,000 hours which is about 50 hours more than last year. Deb is retired now and available to start sooner. Chuck suggested a one dollar an hour raise, for a total of \$17.00 an hour. Deb and Barb inspected over 4,000 boats last season. Barb is off Monday & Tuesday and Deb is off Wednesday & Thursday and they both work Friday – Sunday the busier days. Dean noted that a Susan O. is planning to retire this year and may be interested in working as Lake Host. Discussion took place, Chuck made motion to approve \$17,000 for Lake Host budget and that WWN will pay \$17.00 an hour, motion was seconded by Ed S. vote by the board was unanimous. Lisa pointed out that at the annual meeting 17K was approved for Lake Hosts.

VLAP & VRAP water testing is happening once a month during the season. First VRAP testing is scheduled for June 19, at 10 AM, Ryan with DES will be out for training that day. Bobby and Marion are interested in participating. Ed coordinates the VLAP testing. Dick and Ed are looking at a first test date on May 21. Lisa is looking for more assistance with the near shore testing, which we try to coordinate with VLAP testing.

Testing several years ago at Hueber Brook got Winnisquam placed on the 303D list that led to our being able to get funded for a Watershed Management Plan. We may need to retest Hueber Brook this year to verify to EPA that they can remove Winnisquam from the 303D list.

Lisa is looking for the weed watcher volunteers to be trained how to also recognize cyanobacteria blooms. She will also check with Bill E to see if more volunteers are needed.

Cindy updated us on 319 Grant. Hired an engineer (Comprehensive Environmental Inc) to design the three sites. Cindy communicated with Laconia about getting a backhoe to Gale Ave to be able to take soil samples. Will move on to Deer Park association next.

Direct mailing. Lisa reminded us that there are 880 properties on the lake, not to count those across the street, non-lake front property. We currently have over 200 members and would like to increase our membership. NH Lakes and other organizations suggested that we do direct mailings. Tom, Marion and Lisa are working on the mailings. Initially they were hoping for a May mailing then decided they didn't want to rush the project and want to assure we have a quality product to mail out and will look to send it out this summer. Tom obtained a bulk mailing postage stamp. Lisa suggested the WWN board work with volunteers to personalize the letters and stuff the envelopes. Marion contacted City of Laconia and Meredith on how to get a list of owners of record and mailing addresses. Meredith provided us a list of over 200 names. For \$25.00 WWN can obtain that same information from Laconia. Chuck will check with the Town of Tilton. Board authorized Laconia payment of \$25 for information. Bobby will check with Sanbornton and Ed will reach out to Belmont.

NH Gives is June 6 & 7, 2023. Last year the drive was successful due in large part to the board sending out letters to friends and neighbors. Lisa asked that board members reach out again.

Summer social last year was successful. The board will need to start coordinating our efforts if we are going to do it again. Lisa spoke with band member Karen, they would prefer a June event due to travel logistics. Board feels that June is too soon for us to plan an event for June. Discussion took place about an afternoon event later in the summer, possibly an ice cream social that would engage families.

Bobby provided an update on Lobster Connection. The Country Store purchased the old Lobster Connection building. The Country Store leased the property back to Lobster Connection, their new facility is not ready. Mark the owner of Lobster Connection likely will not open the renovated location until sometime in 2024.

Kath discussed promoting committees, which would lead to fewer big meetings and having smaller committee meetings that are often more productive. For example, Judy mentioned a website and marketing committee. Lisa suggested a finance, social events, education, communications and merchandise committees as examples.

Annual meeting tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 22, 2023 at Belmont Town Beach.

Dean discussed that the Laconia Conservation Commission is putting on an informational presentation from the various lake and conservation committees in the area. They will have a matrix displayed at the Belknap Mill throughout the month of May, to promote what they do in hopes of obtaining donations and volunteers for their organization. Ed has the tri-fold board that can be used to promote WWN. Dean discussed a QR code that would take viewers to additional information about WWN. Ed will take tri-fold

board and pamphlets to be displayed. Dean is setting up the matrix that will contained the information for all organizations.

Ed and Dick put out loons nest, rope and signs in North End. No update on Three Islands nest.

It's unsure if the eagles in Gilson Cove near Three Islands are nesting again this year. Adult eagles have been spotted near the nest, but no chicks have been observed.

Jim reminded board to take part in the Lake Smart survey.

Next meeting June 5, 2023, at Lisa's home.